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Tech Transfer Office Established at Harford Business Innovation Center

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford Business Innovation Center (HBIC), in cooperation with the Harford County Office of Economic Development and other partners, has announced the establishment of a Technology Transfer Office to assist Harford County and regional companies in developing opportunities to connect in research and development with Aberdeen Proving Ground.

In August 2013, a feasibility study on a University Research Park initiative was released by the Technology Partnership Practice at Batelle in collaboration with the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor. The study identified a focused set of program activities tailored to the specific assets and gaps in technology development found in the APG Region. The first of these gaps is being addressed through this new initiative.

"It is imperative that we begin to provide resources to our companies under this new action plan," said Office of Economic Development Director James C. Richardson. "Blake Sajonia, our new tech transfer consultant, has a wealth of expertise with his extensive technical background and familiarity of local companies, APG and regional and state resources," Richardson added.

The Technology Transfer Office at the HBIC will work with offices at APG as well as other resources in the county and region. Blake Sajonia, who will serve as the Technology Transfer Specialist for the HBIC, said that he is "honored to work on this exciting initiative for Harford County and the growing technology sector in the area."

The Technology Transfer Office will be open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HBIC located in the Riverside Business Park, 1362 Brass Mill Parkway, Suite 11, in Belcamp. Company representatives will be able to meet with the office's representative to learn more about technology transfer opportunities with the many research and development activities on post.

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“This new initiative will be a huge asset to businesses in Harford County. It offers a chance to connect better with Aberdeen Proving Ground and provide more resources for our companies, and will potentially open new opportunities for our highly skilled workforce,” said Harford County Executive David R. Craig.

Workshops will be offered at the HBIC to introduce regional companies to the opportunities to do business with the many organizations and programs on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Some of the topics to be covered include Technology Transfer Opportunities, and Small Business Innovation Research, and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, among others.

“It is great to have Mr. Sajonia’s excellent technology transfer expertise right next to APG because it will help all of APG’s technology-driven organizations to better link with innovative companies in the area,” said Joe Wienand, Technical Director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Companies interested in technology transfer opportunities can call Mr. Sajonia at 301.467.1498. The full University Research Park feasibility study is available at the website of the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor (www.apg-cssc.com).

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